(a) the date on which the survey of Dalli-Rajhara-Raughat-Narainpur-Kondagaon-Jagdalpur broad-gauge railway line was completed and the estimated cost thereof;

(b) whether the said railway line has been approved by the Government; and

(c) if so, the funds allotted therefor during 1992-93 and the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 1985-86. The then cost was Rs. 218.6 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Introduction of Nor Plant 6 Contraceptives

1015. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research propose introduce Nor Plant 6 contraceptives into the family planning programme in urban centres;

(b) if so, the details of tests and trails conducted as far as the safety of the contraceptive is concerned;

(c) whether the minimum four phase trials have been conducted as part of the pre-programme introduction study; and

(d) the details of the follow up studies done on earlier use of implant contraceptive?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) The proposal of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to initiate pre-programme introductory study of Norplant 6 in the medical colleges in a phased manner is under consideration.

(b) and (c). Earlier in 1980s. with the approval of the Drug. Controller of India, the ICMR had conducted a Phase II comparative clinical trials with Norplant 6 and Norplant 2, both containing the same hormone. The observations indicated excellent contraceptive protection with both types of implants, except menstrual irregularities. The ICMR conducted Phase III clinical trials and pre-programme introductory studies with Norplant 2. The result of these studies indicated that Norplant 2 device provides excellent contraceptive protection. However, in view of the lack of commercial availability of Norplant 2, it was decided, based upon the recommendations of the Expert Committee, that a pre-programme introductory study of Norplant 6 be initiated in a phased manner in the medical colleges.

(d) Results indicated that efficacy of Norplant was very high upto five years, return to fertility after removal of norplant was normal and no adverse pregnancy-outcome after removal was found.

[*Translation*]

Implementation of Academic Calendar Year

1016. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Universities in the country particularly in Bihar which have implemented academic calendar stipulated by the University Grants Commission alongwith those which have given assurance in this regard;

(b) the steps being taken to ensure its compliance; and

(c) the States in which pay-scales and service conditions for teachers as prescribed by the University Grants Commission are being implemented to toto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by UGC, 20 universities, have adopted the academic calendar; 13 have given assurance to implement the academic calendar whereas 18 universities have informed the Commission that the Matter is under consideration. The names of the above universities are given in the attached statements-I,II,III. In Bihar, only Magadh University has furnished information regarding adoption of the academic calendar. The Commission is pursuing the matter with the State Governments and universities to implement the academic calendar.

(c) The Scheme of revision of pay scales of teachers in universities and colleges and other measures for maintenance of standards of higher education was notified by the Central government in June, 1987. The State Governments were advised that, after taking local conditions into consideration, they may decide in their discretion to introduce scales of pay different from those mentioned in the Scheme, and may give effect to the revised scales of pay from 1.1.1986 of a later date. The payment of central assistance for implementation of the Scheme was subject to the condition the entire Scheme together with all the conditions attached to it except the date of implementation and the scales of pay is implemented by the State Governments as a composite scheme. All States except Bihar Meghalaya & Sikkim have availed of central assistance for implementing the Scheme.

STATEMENT - I

Names of Universities/Institutions which have adopted the Academic Calendar

1. Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University
2. Telugu University
3. Arunachal University
4. Gauhati University
5. Mangalore University
6. Kuvempu University
7. Cochin University of Science & Technology
8. Central Institute of Fisheries
9. International Institute for population Studies
10. North Eastern Hill University
11. Punjab University
12. Banasthali Vidyapeeth
13. School of Planning and Architecture
14. I.S.M., Dhanbad
15. Sri Krishnadevaraya University
16. Anna University
17. Magadh university
18. National Museum Institute
19. Roorkee University
20. Manipur University

STATEMENT - II

Name of Universities/Institutions have given assurance to implement the Academic Calendar

1. Gulbarga University
2. Deccan Institute, Pune
3. North Maharashtra University
4. Avinashilingam Institute
5. Bharthidasan University
6. Mother Teresa University
7. Agra University
8. Ravindra Bharti
9. Andhra University
10. Dayalbagh Educational Institute
11. Gujarat Vidyapeeth
12. C.I.E.F.L., Hyderabad
13. Saurashtra University
6. Shivaji University
7. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth
8. S.P. University
9. North Gujarat University
10. M.D. University, Rohtak
11. Jammu University
12. Bangalore University
13. Mysore University
14. Vikram University
15. Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth
16. Y.C. Open University
17. B.I.T.S. Pilani
18. Kota Open University

STATEMENT - III

The following Universities have informed that the matter is under consideration of their respective bodies

1. Alagappa University
2. Marathwada University
3. Pondicherry University
4. Himachal Pradesh University
5. Devi Ahilya University

[*English*]

Conversion of Latur-Miraj Line and Construction of Latur-Latur Road line.

1017. SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project for conversion of Latur-Miraj line into broad-gauge and construction of new line from Latur to Latur Road have been approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far in this regard alongwith funds allotted therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.